



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, during the International Year of Volunteers and National Volunteer Week, all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers will be recognized for their commitments and community service, and;

WHEREAS, more the 109 million volunteers, associated with service organizations such as the Junior League of Boise, work in their communities and utilize their time and talent daily to make a difference in the lives of children, adults and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, our nation is experiencing a time of diminishing natural and technological resources when our people have reached a realization that government -- federal, state and local -- cannot and should not provide every service necessary to build a better environment; and

WHEREAS, volunteering one's time, talents and resources has been an integral part of our American heritage since the early days of our nation; and it is essential that we continue this tradition of giving and sharing to preserve and improve the quality of life for all citizens in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the receiver is not the only one who benefits from volunteer service -- for the giver reaps the rewards of improved skills and widened horizons as well; and

WHEREAS, expanded volunteer assistance is essential and critical in our schools to assure our most precious resource -- our children -- have every opportunity for a quality education; in our hospitals to assist those who are ill; and in our nursing homes to serve the elderly; and

WHEREAS, each year a special week is designated in our nation for the dual purpose of recognizing those who give of themselves and of encouraging all citizens to become involved in volunteer work; and it is fitting at this time that we say "thank you" to all individuals, groups, and corporations who have given time, energy, and money to their communities through volunteer service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22 through 28, 2002 to be

VOLUNTEER WEEK

in Idaho in honor of the many selfless volunteers throughout our great state who truly give a helping hand and hear. I urge all our citizens to continue to set an outstanding example for others to follow as they help renew and sustain the spirit and vitality of our great nation by committing a portion of their time to addressing the needs of our communities through volunteer action in our schools and other institutions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-fourth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.



A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE